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TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Domazlice and Holysov

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. From 1 to 3 April 1954, soldiers wearing black-bordered red, red-bordered black and red-bordered brown epaulets were observed in the Koziny Barracks on the south-west side of the Drazenov (N 50/P 70) road, on the northwestern perimeter of Domazlice (N 50/P 70). Officers with crossed-barrel and crossed-rifle insignia and soldiers with winged twin-wheel insignia were also seen at the installation. On 28 January 1954, the new western section of the installation quartered infantrymen and elements of an armored unit, while the old eastern section was occupied by artillerymen and other elements of the armored unit. From 1 to 3 April 1954, ten trucks each towing one AT gun of about 50 mm left the installation for the training area. [redacted] training activities in that area also involved tanks, but saw no tanks [redacted]

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2. In early April 1954, the former library of the Domazlice convent quartered an infantry company. At that time, a Soviet officer, who wore Czech Army uniform and allegedly was a lieutenant colonel, was in the post area. A total of four Soviet officers were present at the station at that time. 2
3. On 2 April 1954, hutments were observed in the woods 2 km north of the Holysov (Holleischen, N 50/P 82) railroad station, west of the railroad line to Plzen (Pilsen, N 50/104). [redacted]

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Prior to the fall of 1953, no soldiers had been in Holysov. Source knew that the former German Army ammunition depot in the woods north or northwest of the town was reconditioned by soldiers, after the fall of 1953. Warning signs were set up at the edge of the woods. A gate which was guarded by a sentry was located on the north-bound road which led from Holysov to the woods. 3

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1. [] Comment. See previous statements [] in October 1953. 25X1
The 35th Inf Regt of the 11th Inf Div is carried in Domazlice. It is believed that the armored unit, which presumably is an SP battery, and the light AF guns observed belong to this regiment. Red-bordered brown epaulets with winged twin-wheel insignia are worn by motor transport units. A component unit of the motor transport battalion of the 11th Inf Div may be stationed at Domazlice. [] 25X1

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2. [] Comment. A Soviet officer wearing a Czech uniform is reported for the first time. Soviet advisors wear Soviet uniforms.

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3. [] . It is still undetermined whether a military unit was scheduled to move to Holysov or whether the ammunition depot, which is not known from other records, was reactivated.

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